



AGENDA

GSG Assembly Meeting

November 11, 2015 5:45pm

Joseph Henry Room, Jadwin Hall, Princeton University

The meeting is called to order at 6:05 PM.

Sean Vanatta (Hist. Rep) motions to approve the September Assembly Meeting Minutes. Yuan Shi (Plasma Physics Rep) seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

Overview of Campus Dining - Smitha Haneef, Executive Director, Campus Dining

- Smitha presents a short presentation on what is done in campus dining in the context of sustainable food systems.
- Campus Dining at a Glance: Three major parts: Residential, Retail (15 retail locations, 7 concession outlets), and Catering (full service catering, food truck, reunions catering)
- Smitha has been in the role for 18 months
- Dining is the largest department on campus, whose services interact with all departments in the university.
- Priorities: This year and onward, the focus is on wellness, sustainability, and community
- Interest from faculty from various departments
- All pastries are made in house at a Bake Shop in the basement of Rocky-Mathey
- Campus Dining serves 3 million meals each year
 - Look at it as a way to research
 - As a guideline, there is a focus on 24 principles of healthy, sustainable menus
- Sustainable Food Program
 - They won Sustainability award because of their seafood purchases, focusing on US Domestic Seafoods
 - All of the compost for residential dining goes to a farm in Hopewell, NJ
 - Look at farm to fork to farm
 - This year started a pilot, will see if it says
 - Partnering with schools in the area to teach gardening and sustainability
 - Interested in expanding the Princeton University Farmers' Market
 - Garden Project, Bee Project, Greening Princeton
 - Want to revive these programs and leverage these programs into campus dining

- Diversity
 - Taking heritages months and featuring various ethnic dishes
 - BBQ with Muslim Student Association
- Catering
 - Using bamboo for packaging
- Food as a subject of critical inquiry
 - Had a student map the regions where food is coming from
- What next?
 - Looking at Green Restaurant certification
 - Compost from Farm to Fork to Farm
 - Reusable containers at Frist
 - Potato Starch based flatware
 - Urban Cultivator - indoor hydroponic grower
 - Princeton will be the first University-style setting to use this
 - Will be featured at Cafe Vivian
- Future of Campus Dining
 - Develop food program and experience to nourish students and strengthen the community
 - Use food as a subject of critical inquiry
 - Work with culinary institute on collaborative research in the field of food
- Areas to dive deeper into
 - Engagement on campus - videos of sustainability, teaching people about the food that is being served
 - All of chickens sourced from PA (same chicken served at Whole Foods)
 - Environmental sustainability - 37% of global resources go into the food process
 - Within this subject, what should we focus on?
 - Food waste, water consumption, hunger, landfill impact
 - Recovery: Challenges at different levels of government
- Kay (Health and Life): Are dining staff unionized? Are student workers a part of that?
 - Yes. Dining staff are unionized under SEIU contract. However, students are under the umbrella of financial aid and work-study programs
- Daniel (Academic Chair): Is there a reason why reusable containers at Frist were changed?
 - At Cafe Vivian there were containers, but the usage dropped, so the program stopped. They are looking at revitalizing that. At Gallery, everything is served on disposable containers. They are looking at systems for washing, in particular using baskets for hamburgers and fries.
- Julia: Are there options for expanding dinner options on campus in the Summer, as this is a time when graduate students are still on campus. For instance, the Frist BBQ has been

successful on Wed nights in the summer.

- This feedback is good now. As a part of strategic effort, campus dining is looking at what resources they have for the summer in terms of staffing. They will make sure to get back to the GSG on this.
- Will the restaurant at old train station be under Campus Dining?
 - Smitha is on the search committee, but plans have not been finalized yet. This is something Smitha can keep the GSG informed of.
- Genna Gliner (Special Events Chair): What about composting the containers at First?
 - There is a pilot program that sends compost to a farm in Hopewell, NJ. This was started at residential colleges, and they hope to expand it going forward.

Career Service Meetup in December - Amy Pszczolkowski, Associate Director, Graduate Student Career Services

- Six years ago Amy was part time, but they wanted to do a graduate student career fair. She didn't have the time to do it then, but now, a few years later, they are sponsoring a HireTigers meetup just for graduate students.
- Amy and some students have been working hard to bring companies to campus that are interested in graduate students
- There are only a few companies there for students in the humanities, but that is true for all career fairs (those companies typically don't have the budget to attend career fairs)
- Please share the flyer and spread the word!
- Will there be an emphasis on internships versus full time positions at the fair?
 - A lot of companies have both
 - There will be a list of companies posted ahead of time on HireTigers
 - It is a nice place to pitch yourself to companies and explain why they should hire you on for X position
- Talk to Mike about Career Development Workshop that he attended this last week
 - Mike: There is a national dialogue beginning on career development in STEM graduate programs. Staying in academia is still no longer the norm, even though the system is still set up for this path. It does not explore non-traditional jobs outside of academia. This conference started the conversation about what needs to change. If you have questions, contact Mike.
- To get in contact with Amy (can schedule a time to meet via Handshake). The Office of Career Services is located at 36 University Place or Amy has EQuad Office hours (Thursday afternoons), which can also be scheduled in handshake

5 Minute Break - PIZZA!

Announcements

- GSG Pub Night Tonight at DBar! George's Wings and Mac'n'cheese!
- Safety Walk on Thursday night
 - Lots of people will be on this
 - Goal is to walk around GC, Annexes, Lawrence, Lakeside to find areas of low/unsafe lighting that we can suggest to be fixed
 - Julia will send out a survey to see if people know of any hazards around housing, or anywhere on campus where lighting should be better that they can explore on Thursday or other locations they can check out next time
 - There was one done last Spring, and they fixed the lighting along Elm Drive
 - Kay: Some potential places:
 - Dickinson
 - Lighting on Alexander from Lawrence Drive to Faculty
 - Public Streets are harder to get lighting on, but if it can be done, they will look into it
- GSG + University Services meeting on Thursday, November 12
 - 7th Floor Conference in New South Building
 - Assembly welcome!
 - There will be a graduate student panel and deans for diversity and inclusion, as well as many other people from administration
 - It will offer a place for students to speak about their perspective, minorities and other special interest groups (Tigers with Cubs) are especially welcome

Executive Committee Summary

- Princeton Postdoc Council
- DCE and ET/DCC Workshop
 - DCE: Program length finished, guaranteed Funding has run out
 - ET/DCC: You are not officially enrolled, but are still finishing dissertation
 - The transition from regular enrollment to DCE and from DCE to ET/DCC can be difficult. There will be a forum with relevant University administrators to present this information to people and help people with this transition
 - There will be more information about this coming up, but the workshop will hopefully be this Spring
 - If you have any DCE or ET/DCC students in your department, please talk to them about their experience and make sure we can incorporate any feedback that they have into the presentation
 - Some DCE students complained about the fee that is charged.
 - The fee to continue is drastically less than the regular fee
- Graduate School Coffee Hours

- USLC Meeting
- Reunions Jackets

Open forum (your ideas for future policy, initiatives, guest speakers, feedback, ...)

- Akil (BGC/Lakeside): Something to put on the radar going forward: parents delayed their move-in to Lakeside were given some sort of hardship fund that had grace period for living in to Lakeside (were grandfathered in). Are we going to have some sort of hardship funds in the future for families so they can afford Lakeside?
 - Genna (Social Chair): The fund was a one-time thing from the Lakeside delay, we will have to discuss what this means going forward
 - Lily Secora (Assistant Dean Residence Life and Student Affairs): Good idea to bring it up at the Housing Advisory Board
- Graduate School is going to have Coffee Hours to provide coffee and cookies for a social hour (potentially at Campus Club). Stay tuned!
- Department Happy Hours: Let the GSG know if your department is having a happy hour. The GSG can help fund it and show up. If your department doesn't have a happy hour, we would be happy to host one along with the efforts of people in your department.

Sean Vanatta (Hist Rep) motions to adjourn the meeting. Daniel Vitek (Academic Chair) seconded. The meeting adjourns at 7:04 PM.

Next meeting: December 9, 2015 5:45pm